

Because when I  
read, the world's  
just better.

Friday 9th March 2018



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## 'Bye, bye, Beast from the East!'

Thank-you for your understanding during the recent school closure as a result of the 'Beast from the East'! It is rare that Birmingham local authority issue a 'blanket closure' of all its' schools, and this was the second in this academic year. We are all hoping that spring now appears and we can put away the grit and snow shovels for another year. We'd also like to thank our site staff who have worked very hard during both of the school closures to ensure the site has been safe for the children's return. Thank-you Mrs Shiner and Mr Custodio!

It was a great turn-out (as usual) to our parents evenings this week and the teachers enjoyed sharing your children's books, successes and targets during your appointment. We were trialling a slightly shorter appointment time during this week, following feedback from teachers and parents and we'd like to gain your views on how this went. If you have any comments to make about the 10 minute slot, please email me directly at head@chadvale.bham.sch.uk. I'll then discuss further with our teaching and support teams about whether this becomes a permanent change. One of the main reasons for the change was to reduce the overall number of late nights the staff are working within a parent evening week. This frees up their time to do other school work, such as marking, planning and assessments. We're also being asked by the government and Ofsted to identify ways in which teachers' work-life balance can be improved. On average, our teachers work at least 60 hours a week, and this is a pattern repeated across the country in the vast majority of schools!

### Dinner Debt Deadline: Friday 16th March

Please could all parents who pay for school dinners check their outstanding balances and make arrangements to settle these by the date above. This is so that we can finalise our accounts for the financial year-end. Letters were issued yesterday to anyone with outstanding balances and we'd appreciate payments being made as soon as possible. If you are struggling to pay, please make an appointment to see Mr. Sansom.

## Y5 Spelling Bee 2018 Winners



Mr. Dubberley created a real BUZZ in the hall yesterday for the Y5 spelling bee which had a fantastic turn out from parents in the audience. The competition was tense and exciting and got everyone talking and thinking about spelling common and more uncommon words that lots of adults get wrong! Pictured here are our winners. Well done to everyone who took part and for everyone's support of the event!



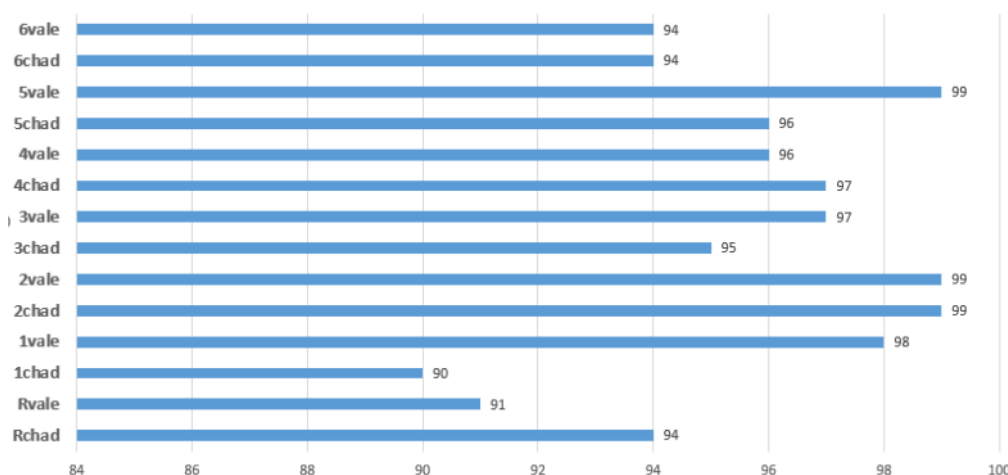
## Diary Dates 2018: please also check the online diary on our website

Mon 12th March	All week	Assessment Week and Shakespeare Week
Mon 12th March	AM	1C Synagogue Visit
Mon 12th March	PM	2C Class Assembly
Thurs 15th March	AM	1V Synagogue Visit
Thurs 15th March	PM	Y6 Spelling Bee (starts at 2:45)
Fri 16th March	PM	Spanish Ambassador Trip to El Borracho
Mon 19th March	All week	Science Week
Mon 19th March	PM	Full Governing Body Meeting
Mon 19th March	AM	Y5V visit to the Mosque
Fri 23rd March	AM	Y2 SATS information meeting
Mon 26th March	All Day	KS1 HOTA day
Weds 28th March	All Day	Y1 Wonderland Telford Visit
Weds 28th March	9AM	Key Stage 2 Spring Assembly
Weds 28th March	10AM	Key Stage 1 Spring Assembly
Thurs 29th March	All Day	Break Up for Easter Holiday
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>		
Mon 16th April	All Day	Teacher Training Day
Tues 17th April	All Day	Back to School
Thurs 19th April	PM	Hippodrome Theatre Trip (Wicked)
Tues 24th April	All Day	Y6 Galleries of Justice Visit
Thurs 26th April	PM	Hippodrome Theatre Trip (Wicked)
Fri 27th April	All Day	Silly Sock Day ( National Autistic Society)
Fri 4th May	PM	The Great Chad Bake Off (PPTA event)

Please note that there should be **NO PARENT CARS** on the school drive between 8am and 6pm unless you have Chad Vale Drive Pass. This is to promote the safety of the children arriving and leaving school and after-school clubs and the WACC.



Attendance % this week



**99% Attendance**

**5Vale, 2Vale and 2Chad  
Well Done!**

**Improvement Required:**

**6Vale, 6Chad, 1Chad RChad  
and RVale**

# Chad Vale's Egg Competition 2018

Following the success of last years Egg Decorating Competition, we would like the children to design and decorate an Egg Scene.  
Eggs will need to be displayed in classrooms by **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March** ready for the judges. Entries after this date will not be included in the competition.

There will be prizes for:  
KS1 - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.  
KS2 - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.  
Prizes will be given out in our Spring assembly on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.  
Please see below for some ideas...

